# Quick Start Guide: How to Use DOT Research Clusters at www.transportationresearch.gov

### **Anatomy of a Typical Research Cluster Site Main Page**

The main page of a typical Research Cluster is divided into separate sections. This document presents the most important sections and explains how to use them.

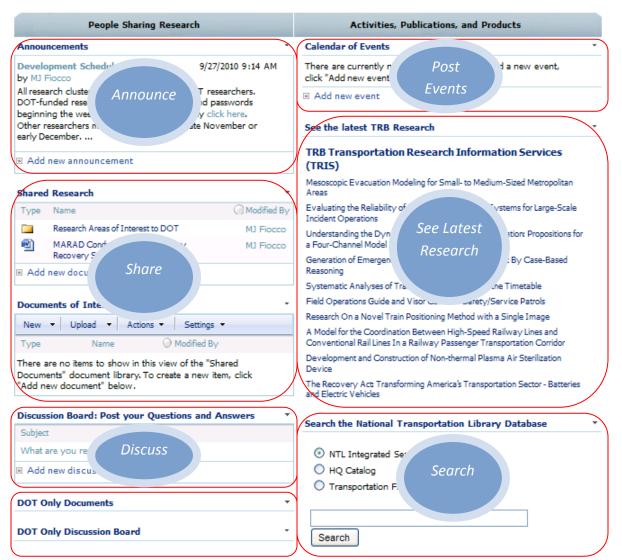
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### System Resilience and Global Logistics Research Cluster

This cluster shares focuses on recovery from natural and other disasters, as well as freight issues and concerns.

If you would like to participate in this cluster by posting your research and commenting on the work of others, please follow the instructions on the main cluster page.







# Make Announcements

In the Announcement section of the main page, click on Add new announcement.



Click the word Announcement on the main page. On the next screen, click on New, then click on New Item.

Use the Announcements list to post messages on the home page of your site.

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Add a new item to this list.

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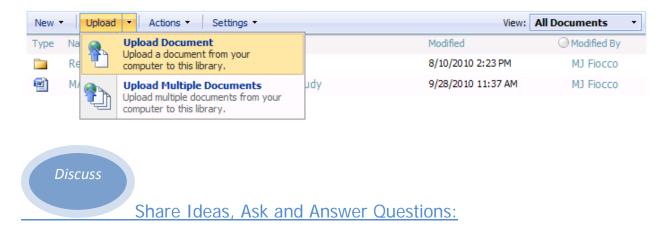


In the section of the main page where you want to post, click on Add new document.



On the next screen, click on browse, pick your file and then click on OK.

In the section where you want to post, click on Upload and follow the instructions for uploading a single document or multiples documents.



To comment on an existing discussion, click on the question.



When the subject appears, put your cursor on the solid bar with arrow that appears next to the question. Then click on View Item.



This will allow you to see what has been said. To add your voice, click on the View Item link in the diagram above, then click on Reply.



To begin a discussion, click on Add new discussion from the main page.

# Discussion Board: Post your Questions and Answers Subject What are you researching? Add new discussion

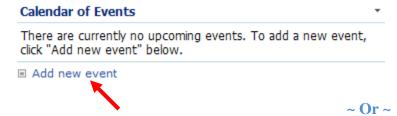
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If you are already viewing a discussion board page, click on New then Discussion.



Post Upcoming Events to the Calendar

In the Calendar section, click on Add new event.



Click the word Calendar on the main page. On the next screen, click on New, click on New Item.

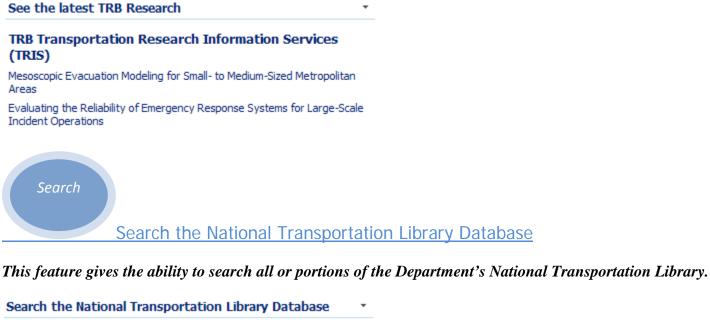
Use the Calendar list to keep informed of upcoming meetings, deadlines, and other important events. New → Actions → Settings → View: Calendar **New Item** Expand All Collapse All 1 Day 7 Week 31 Month Add a new item to this list. Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday 26 27 28



Search

# View current research from TRB

This section presents an RSS feed that uses search terms customized for each cluster to pull research from the TRIS database. Pulls occur daily. To read more about an individual item, click on its title to read the abstract.



NTL Integrated Search
 HQ Catalog
 Transportation FAQs

NTL Integrated Search looks throughout the full collection to answer your inquiry, HQ Catalog looks only at what is at DOT Headquarters, and Transportation FAQs looks at the most frequently asked questions.



Sign up for emails or receive customized RSS feeds to let you know when items change or are added.

